

BOLOGNA**Opening for Communists**

Before going ahead last year with his side of the Opening to the Left, Pietro Nenni compelled the Christian Democratic leadership to agree to push two measures through the assembly: nationalization of the electric power industry and local autonomy for "regional governments." The first was enacted last autumn. The second will be a prime order of business as soon as a new government manages to start functioning. Mayor Dozza of Bologna is looking

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eagerly forward to the day when the regional plan goes through. He will then be the Communist boss of the Communist-controlled capital of a Communist Emilia, freed from most of the restrictions heretofore placed by Rome on his—that is to say, Togliatti's and Khrushchev's—exploitation of the regional base.

LONDON**Party of Science**

The Labor Party's leader, Harold Wilson, has been much impressed with the writings of C. P. Snow. In line with Snow's contention that scientists and technologists ought to play a much more prominent role in modern government, the Labor Party is now forming the "Socialist Scientists' Association." R.H.S. Crossman, who has been head of the party's "scientific committee," is sure that a substantial majority of British scientists not only support Labor but are willing to work with the party actively, both in the election and in the expected Labor government to follow. Quite apart from the proper role of scientists, Mr. Wilson figures that a "Party of Science" image will be a very useful political gimmick.

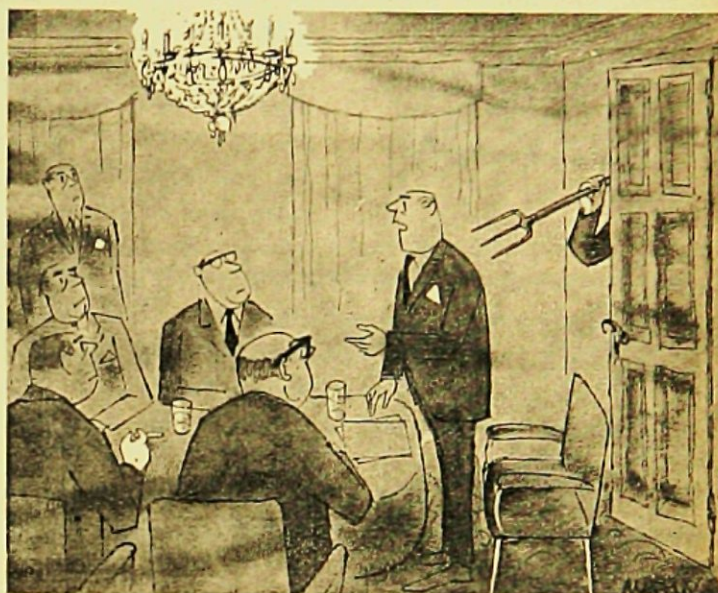
SOFIA**Try and Try Again**

In spite of the scandal last February, when Ghanaian students organized protest demonstrations and subsequently made a well-publicized exit from the country, Bulgaria continues to push her African operation. About 400 African students are currently enrolled in Bulgarian schools and universities. The army is training a group of Kikuyu (Kenya's largest tribe, backbone of Mau Mau and of Jomo Kenyatta's KANU) in guerrilla methods. Trade with Africa is being rapidly expanded—from \$13 million in 1961 to \$20 million in 1962, with a comparable jump expected again this year.

NEW DELHI**Brainwashed Indians**

Reports from Indian soldiers taken prisoner in the Himalayan War and just released by the Chinese indicate how long and careful the Chinese preparations have been for operations against India. As soon as captured, the prisoners were divided according to language and tribe or place of origin. Each group was sent to a separate camp in Tibet: one for Gurkhas, another for Sikhs, another for soldiers

from related mountain tribes, etc. Chinese officers trained in the appropriate language were at hand for interrogation and brainwashing. The program is believed to be under the direction of Colonel Chen-hao, long the Chinese military attaché in New Delhi, where he studied the organization and makeup of the Indian army. Indirectly the replies of the returned prisoners tend to confirm the reports that uprisings in Sinkiang among several of the non-Chinese nationality groups—many of them ethnically identical with the groups across the Soviet border (Uzbeks, Kazakhs, etc.)—were an important factor leading the Chinese to break off the war.



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"... we should not allow ourselves to be sidetracked by the farm protest."

ADEN**Common Market Harems**

Although the sheiks and sultans in British-supervised south Arabia have been drawing down huge oil royalties and political subsidies, they spend so royally that they have been nearly going broke. The biggest portion of the money is siphoned into their luxurious modernized harems with scores of wives, concubines and slaves. Alarmed at the prospect of outright bankruptcy, the Arab potentates held a conference six months ago, at which they reached a gentlemen's agreement to establish a kind of specialized Common Market. The agreement was later signed formally, as the Pact of Hadhramaut, by 33 chieftains of the lands neighbor to Aden, and placed under the protection and guaranty of Aden's British governor. The Pact of Hadhramaut provides that no emir, sultan or sheik may possess more than one dozen official wives nor more than eighteen concubines, the price of the latter not to exceed £100 each, f.o.b. point of origin. But a few weeks ago the Council of this desert Common Market was reliably informed that nine emirs had imported from Austria and Germany a number of gorgeous creatures outside the quota, therefore contraband under the Pact. The co-signatories have appealed to the governor to uphold the treaties by bringing the violators to book, and judgment is anxiously awaited.

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